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COUNTIES SHARE IN INTERIM NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS

PORTLAND, OR--About \$115 million dollars will be shared by 31 counties in Oregon and 27 counties in Washington as their portion of this year's interim payments from National Forest lands, according to Regional Forester John Lowe of the Pacific Northwest Region of the USDA Forest Service. This is a little over half of the \$227 million paid to 41 States and Puerto Rico.

"Oregon received the largest interim payment -- about 91 million dollars," says Lowe. "Washington had the third-largest payment -- about 24 million."

"We estimate that these States will receive about \$121 million and \$32 million, respectively, by the end of the year," he adds.

By law, the Forest Service pays 25 percent of the revenues it collects from timber sales, grazing, recreation, minerals and land uses to States in which national forests are located. The funds are used for schools and roads. This year, however, some of that money comes from what has become known as 'the owl guarantee'.

"The 'owl guarantee' is a special provision of a law that gives the counties a chance to adjust to downward changes in forest revenues," says Lowe, who adds that the interim payment represents about 75 percent of total amount due to the counties for fiscal year 1994, which ended September 30. Final payments will be made in December, he notes.

The payments were computed under a provision of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, which is designed to mitigate economic effects associated with the listing of the northern spotted owl. For fiscal year 1994, it allows the Forest Service to pay counties affected by reductions in forest revenues at a rate equal to 85 percent of a five-year (1986-1990) average, he says.

The payments do not reflect revenues from the national grasslands, which will be paid in spring.

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Attachments: Figures for Oregon and Washington counties. 1) Total estimated payments under the owl guarantee; 2) estimated payments if based only on actual receipts; 3) 1993 payments.

	ESTIMATED FY-94 PAYMENT OWL GUARANTEE	ESTIMATED FY-94 PAYMENT IF BASED ON ACTUAL RECEIPTS	FY 1993 PAYMENT
STATE OF WASHINGTON			
Asotin	95,022.32	95,022.32	108,529.36
Chelan	1,948,326.26	484,596.75	1,948,326.26
Clallam	1,684,756.02	134,004.54	1,649,977.77
Clark	10,555.63	7,290.48	10,555.63
Columbia	281,726.87	281,726.87	321,773.19
Cowlitz	306,157.94	211,454.65	306,157.94
Douglas	2.70	0.68	2.70
Ferry	786,187.93	786,187.93	848,309.88
Garfield	168,624.57	168,624.57	192,593.86
Grays Harbor	484,893.15	38,568.13	474,883.55
Jefferson	2,271,406.58	180,666.39	2,224,518.16
King	1,553,329.29	500,721.01	1,553,329.29
Kittitas	731,547.75	200,396.73	731,547.75
Klickitat	126,417.06	87,312.70	126,417.06
Lewis	3,666,026.83	2,413,072.14	3,666,026.83
Mason	534,431.45	42,508.37	523,399.23
Okanogan	1,536,529.12	1,413,500.00	1,536,529.12
Pend Oreille	942,205.90	942,205.90	951,721.97
Pierce	552,887.29	178,225.11	552,887.29
Skagit	934,002.58	170,195.77	577,592.41
Skamania	7,578,439.86	5,234,214.69	7,578,439.86
Snohomish	1,581,496.02	393,116.28	1,263,750.78
Stevens	368,498.53	368,498.53	394,622.78
Thurston	2,748.51	878.12	2,747.84
Walla Walla	4,297.45	4,297.45	4,908.32
Whatcom	1,504,056.04	274,072.04	930,116.64
Yakima	2,406,458.57	899,455.47	2,406,458.57
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75 PERCENT INTERIM PAYMENT	\$24,045,774.17		

	ESTIMATED FY-94 PAYMENT OWL GUARANTEE	ESTIMATED FY-94 PAYMENT IF BASED ON ACTUAL RECEIPTS	FY 1993 PAYMENT
STATE OF OREGON			
Baker	1,429,663.58	1,429,663.58	906,745.98
Benton	355,359.64	39,723.88	355,359.64
Clackamas	5,056,540.68	2,275,357.63	5,056,540.68
Coos	574,266.27	114,223.84	479,061.53
Crook	2,768,675.81	2,768,675.81	3,837,449.91
Curry	4,015,804.49	1,044,156.84	2,883,059.61
Deschutes	3,433,359.40	2,843,991.89	3,433,359.40
Douglas	15,930,790.20	13,234,265.58	15,930,790.20
Grant	10,446,456.24	10,446,456.24	8,054,057.87
Harney	3,908,533.36	3,908,533.36	3,790,448.00
Hood River	2,088,700.56	939,332.40	2,088,700.56
Jackson	4,549,843.19	3,018,591.56	4,534,087.18
Jefferson	618,502.74	492,224.26	618,502.74
Josephine	2,192,990.33	639,053.75	1,624,178.77
Klamath	11,729,752.67	5,853,969.83	19,996,164.52
Lake	4,263,024.19	4,158,750.59	6,505,195.76
Lane	24,105,979.26	11,474,149.77	24,105,979.26
Lincoln	3,740,100.25	418,087.16	3,740,100.25
Linn	8,009,645.31	4,324,319.59	8,009,645.31
Malheur	10,529.19	10,529.19	6,954.91
Marion	3,004,705.24	1,560,883.74	3,004,705.24
Morrow	253,121.44	253,121.44	289,101.61
Multnomah	773,558.36	347,885.40	773,558.36
Polk	6,928.53	774.51	6,928.53
Tillamook	1,991,037.99	222,568.21	1,991,037.99
Umatilla	708,540.69	708,540.69	784,844.51
Union	1,061,338.83	1,061,338.83	744,400.80
Wallowa	339,039.04	339,039.04	1,437,896.95
Wasco	2,102,056.88	945,339.02	2,102,056.88
Wheeler	893,019.13	893,019.13	1,220,364.65
Yamhill	555,589.86	62,106.62	555,589.86
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75 PERCENT INTERIM PAYMENT	\$90,688,090.01		